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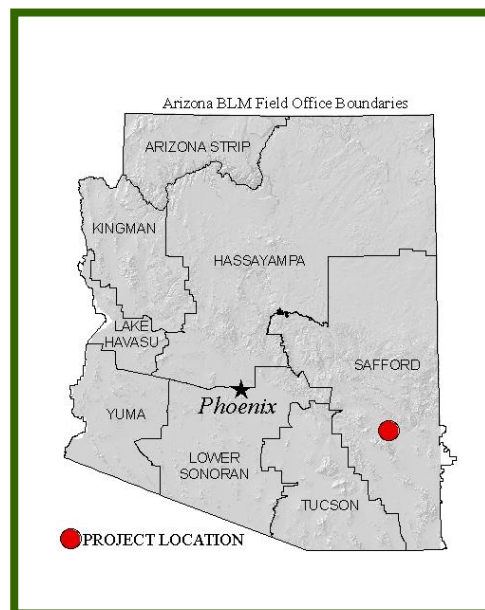
Sky Islands and Desert Seas Restoration, Phase I: San Simon Fence Construction and Reconstruction

Need

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has identified fencing needs at four different locations within the San Simon Valley of southeastern Arizona. Work crews will reconstruct and construct fencing at Sands Draw (four miles), HX Enclosure (4.25 miles), San Simon Channel (six miles), and Barrier Detention Enclosure (three miles). Fences would be designed to prevent the passage of livestock without stopping the movement of wildlife. The project will take place between April 30, 2010, and January 1, 2011.

Recovery Act Funding

Information about the funding allocated for this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project will be released after the contract has been awarded.



Benefits

The BLM originally constructed the Sands Draw enclosure fence in 1980 for the protection, enhancement, and management of Salt Well for aquatic, semi-aquatic, and terrestrial wildlife within the Sands Draw enclosure. The purpose of the fence was to protect watershed and wildlife resource values behind the HX Dam by excluding livestock and vehicular access. The purpose of the Barrier Detention Enclosure is to enhance habitat for wildlife by establishing desirable food and cover and to improve the condition of the watershed behind the barrier. Reconstruction of these three fences will serve those stated purposes. To comply with the Safford District RMP and Upper Gila-San Simon Grazing EIS, livestock need to be deferred from the San Simon channel; it will be fenced to defer livestock use until vegetation coverage and litter production are increased sufficiently to maintain watershed protection. The area to be fenced is approximately six miles long with 4.5 miles of fence being replaced along an old fence line and 1.5 miles of new fence.



More Information

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